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## Endangered Species

### Groups Sue Over Corps' Plan to Shoot Cormorants

April 22 — Conservation groups [sued](#) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prevent it from shooting 10,912 double-crested cormorants, which are eating endangered Columbia River salmonids (*Audubon Soc. of Portland U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, D. Ore., No. 3:15-cv-00665, 4/20/15). The suit, filed April 20 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, asserts that the corps' action is a diversion from the ongoing failure to address salmon-passage issues on the river created by federally owned dams. "Sadly, over the past 20 years, federal dam operators have looked virtually everywhere but in the mirror in their search for culprits to blame for the decline of Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead," the suit says. The complaint, which also names the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a defendant, cites violations of the National Environmental Policy Act, Administrative Procedure Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Among the remedies requested is an injunction against killing the cormorants and a declaration that the corps lacks authority to manage the birds because the service has not adopted a management plan for them. Representing the Audubon Society of Portland and four other plaintiffs are attorneys Daniel J. Rohlf and Thomas Buchele of Earthwise Law Center in Portland, Ore. The complaint is available at [http://www.bloomberglaw.com/public/document/Audubon Society of Portland et al v US Army Corps Of Engineers et.](http://www.bloomberglaw.com/public/document/Audubon_Society_of_Portland_et_al_v_US_Army_Corps_Of_Engineers_et)

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